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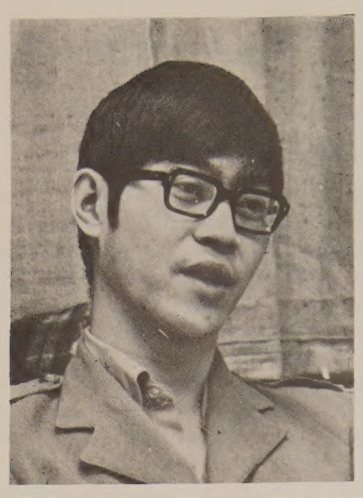

Toi Fountain

By KEN BLAY

Fired!

That was the word at the Jan. 28 Student Administrative Council (SAC) meeting held at the nursing school in Niagara Falls. Toi Fountain has been fired as president of SAC.

The motion to remove Toi from office came as a shock to Toi. He said he "doesn't really know why" the executive decided to have him removed. He said the final motion of the meeting calling for his removal was presented by Jerry Dracz, SAC vice-president. Rick Ludlow seconded the motion. Rudy Barrell was the only other SAC executive member there.

Toi said he made no personal defence. He said it was within the confines of the constitution for the executive to do what it did and he would accept the decision.

There was some discussion on the motion but not enough to vote it down. The motion stood and was passed. As of Jan. 28 Toi was no longer SAC president.

"I don't stand against any decision made against me by a group of students. It is their right to take any action they feel is justifiable," Toi said.

With Toi's removal, Jerry Dracz became SAC president but his term may be short-lived. A petition is being circulated, started by students in the School of Business and nursing students, asking for the removal of some or all SAC executives.

The petition was to be presented at a general meeting of the student body called for Feb. 4. It had to be presented to the SAC executive by

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Jerry Dracz

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MANERA

Pay SAC fees 'under protest,' will check

By DOUG CALDWELL

Two students who refuse to pay college activity fees should pay "under protest" said A.S. Manera, college president, "and I'll take it from there."

Mr. Manera said he will present a review to the Board of Governors on "opinions from students and staff" from a questionnaire he will circulate throughout the college.

Gary Schneider and Carole Cooper, second year journalism students, have refused to pay $17 in Student Administrative Council (SAC) fees for term four. Without paying the SAC fee they are not allowed to pay the remaining $130 and are no longer considered students.

Mr. Manera assured the students at a meeting on Jan. 24 that "this review will take place but I can't promise a change. This is all I can do at this point in time."

The two students met with Dr. J. Gordon Parr, deputy minister of colleges and universities, while he attended a Cabinet Committee on Social Development meeting here on Jan. 17. He said the Niagara Board of Governors would have to make the final decision and hoped the "college will work it out."

Mr. Manera said he did not "step into" the matter because "the students are the corporation of SAC ...it is they who should take the action."

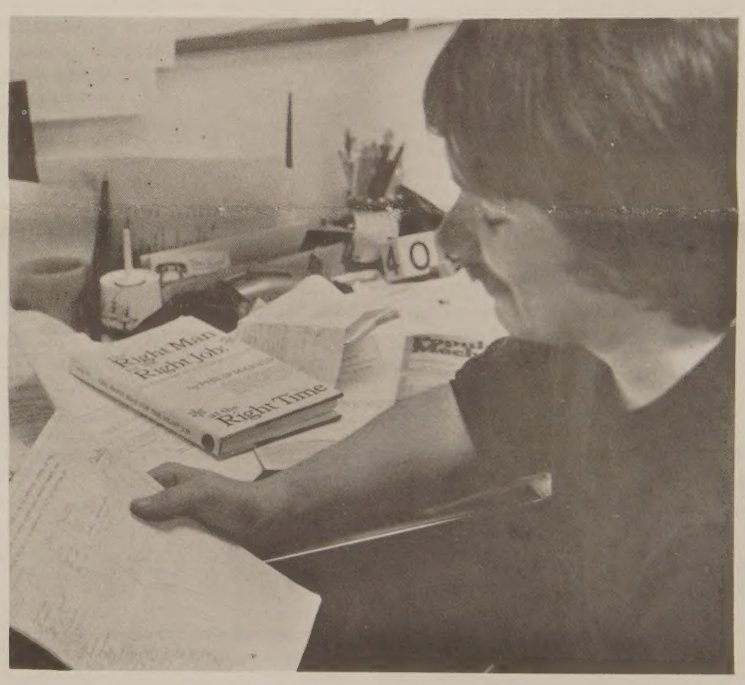
The two students are asking the college administration "to assume some of the responsibility and get control" over the functions of SAC.

Their reasons for refusing to pay the fees are: there has been misuse of funds in the past by SAC officials; they have received very few benefits from SAC activities and they believe it wrong to be forced to become a member.

Committee at N/C to study cutbacks

Niagara College will be part of a steering committee designed to study students' problems caused by recent cutbacks in provincial educational grants. Committees were formed at college and university levels at the last meeting of the Ontario Federation of Students, (OFS), on Jan. 11, 1975.

500 NAME PETITION DEMANDS 6 RESIGN



Harold Ball checking petition (Photo by Doug Caldwell)

Sought election for new executive

By ANNA COLLINS

A 500-name petition calling for the removal of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) was to have been presented at a general meeting of the student body called for the cafeteria yesterday.

Five School of Business students, calling themselves the Committee of Five, collected the more than 500 signatures on a petition reading: **"The purpose of this petition is for the immediate removal of the executive members of the current Student Administrative Council and that a general meeting of the student body be held for the election of new officers."**

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The petition circulated well before the Jan. 28 general SAC meeting in Niagara Falls at which Toi Fountain was fired as president.

Members of the committee are Harold Ball, Dennis Reeves, John Kakuk, Vince Sutch and Mark Wynn. Dennis and Vince are second year students and will be returning to the college next year.

"That executive is scapegoating," Harold said. They are trying to save their own skins by blaming Toi. After all, it takes more than one to square dance."

"We are going to present our case against SAC and if the petition goes through we can vote for nominations right away," Dennis said. "We will need 100 people to vote."

By removing SAC executives the committee will prove that the student body has power, Harold said. Most students believe that once SAC is voted in, it is in for the year.

"We want to show that if you are dissatisfied with SAC you can take action," he said. "Future councils will be aware of this and will have to tow the line. Inner control will be strenuous. That's a guarantee."

Regarding members of the committee running for office, Harold said, "The second year people involved in this are considered by John and myself to be able people. Anybody is eligible to run for SAC but we are supporting these people."

Asked which offices they were seeking, he answered, "President, vice-president and vice-president of finance."

The SAC they are trying to unseat is planning a slate against them, Harold said, and that Michael Gulas, third year school of business student, said he would run for president.

Harold said he would support internal control over cash functions, bonding of SAC executives and representatives from satellite campuses as executives for SAC.

Petitions were circulated among the campuses of the Theatre Centre, horticultural school, both nursing schools and the Welland campus.

Opportunity for Youth aims at personal growth

An Opportunity for Youth (OFY) project officer came to Niagara College to counsel applicants for OFY grants; "it shouldn't be all that hard to get a grant in this area this year," she said.

But no students appeared at the advertised meeting.

Posters announcing the meeting had asked, "Looking for a job?—Opportunities for Youth will be counselling with prospective project applicants here soon." They announced that project officer Liz Huff, would be in the Hamilton Room Tuesday, Jan. 28 at noon break.

About 70 per cent of funds granted will go to college and university students, Ms. Huff said. A total of $789,000 has been provided for an area from Brant county to Dunnville, including the Niagara peninsula.

All applications must be mailed before midnight Feb. 21. No exceptions will be made.

Ms. Huff will return to the college, Tuesday, Feb. 18 to the Hamilton Room to answer questions and provide guidance in completing application forms. She can also be contacted Feb. 15 and 16 in her office at 19 Hess St. S., Hamilton, or telephoned at 523-2836.

The projects are planned, created, directed, and worked by the young people themselves according to their wants. In previous years, community benefits were primarily the object of OFY grants; this year the aim has been "slanted more to personal growth," Ms. Huff said.

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Meeting vs. basketball

The general meeting of the student body originally set for today was changed to yesterday because members of the executive council are playing in a basketball game against Mohawk College today.

Because of the change the committee of five was denied the chance of added publicity in their bid to oust the SAC executives.

Originally set for Feb.4 the meeting was later changed to Feb. 6, the same day the Niagara News came out. Because of the publicity in the paper it was expected the meeting which would decide the future of SAC would be well attended.

EDITORIAL

Questions, disillusionment and turmoil surrounding the Student Administrative Council (SAC) at this moment show student concern at an all time high. It finally looks as if students at Niagara College do care and are aroused about something as ludicrous as the dismissal of a SAC president one month before elections.

Year after year questions are asked about SAC and, occasionally, someone manages to stifle a yawn and ask directly: "Que pasa SAC?" But nothing ever went further than that.

Never before has the situation reached such a crisis as now: the president "fired" by his executive; a student petition calling for the resignation of the entire executive, and new elections. Most important is the meeting of the student body called for yesterday.

Now is the time to ask the most important questions: "Does Niagara College—does any community college—need a student council? Of what importance and benefit is it to commuting students who live off campus?"

E.W. Morgan, English instructor and a trained lawyer, asked these questions in an article in the Niagara News, Oct. 31, 1974. And because of apathy, it went unnoticed.

He suggested a questionnaire be circulated asking these questions: "Q. 1. Do you want to pay $35 a year towards the creation of a representative body? Yes/No.

"Q. 2. If the answer to Q. 1. is yes, how do you conceive its duties and how would you like the money spent?"

Sooner or later, if not this year then next, these questions will have to be answered.

It's time to stop haggling over financial problems; it's time to stop firing people for any said reasons; it's time to get to the matter at hand. This certainly is the "winter of our discontent" but a time for action is at hand. Don't wait till spring. Do it now.

It is within student power to direct this new energy to more useful purposes.

It is up to the students to clear the air of all SAC problems. It needs to be done now.

Do it!

Doug Caldwell

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No new programs ???

By SHEILA MACMASTER

The Ontario government's new funding for community colleges may be the end of the formula grant system.

Replying to a question, A.S. Manera, college president, said the ministry's 1975-76 funding arrangements "appear to be" the end of the formula grant system "but we haven't been told what will replace it."

James Auld, minister of colleges and universities, announced that each of the province's 22 community colleges will receive an increase of 11 per cent over its 1974-75 operating grant to compensate for inflation, with an additional allowance for enrolment growth.

"If we don't get any more money than that we will either operate at a deficit or we are going to have to find some way to reduce some of our costs to a greater extent than we have up till now," Mr. Manera said.

The Board of Governors was told at its first public meeting that this was a problem the board would have to face this year: "that the allowance for inflation does not keep up with inflation."

It is unlikely that the budget will allow the Canadian Mime School now at Niagara-on-the-Lake to come under Niagara College. Dr. L.W.C. Sturgeon argued that the school ought to be a part of the college and the board should not "quibble" about the budget; "we are a unique part of Canada and this is a unique program," he told the board.

But his "educated guess" was: "It is extremely unlikely, if not impossible, that we'll be able to offer any programs we are not now offering."

The college had hoped to start additional programs in January but Mr. Manera said that "due to the financial situation we had to cut back. For some of the programs, we would have had to add instructors and we simply did not have the funds to do this and still stay within a balanced budget for the current year.

When the music's over ...

The only sound of music being made and played today is that sound made by the cash register. The world is into the final innovative years of rock music and with its death quickly approaching, commercialism is already digging its vulture-like claws into the bag of riches.

Everywhere one turns there is evidence of groups selling-out to fill their pockets with gold and to bask in the lime-light of the "Glitter" scene.

Those notorious performers who can be pointed out with the shake of an accusing finger for dulling the once avant-garde rock scene with the show-biz glitter are Alice Cooper and David Bowie. Their musical accomplishments have resulted in selling music by the pound. Glitter should have been kept in the artistic hands of its master--Little Richard.

If an accusing finger is turned to today's youth, the scales of justice, in this case, will balance. The public is as much to blame for the deterioration of innovation in music. After all someone is buying the albums.

It is said by many local musicians that almost every successful band has a "damn good guitar player". But that's just the point; everyone wants the recognition but no one appears to be creating any freshness or newness; "everybody wants to play guitar."

An article in Rolling Stone, October, 1974, mentioned the "Ultimate Guitar." It consists of a guitar and synthesizer which "can produce 30,000 possible sounds per string..." or 180,000 sounds for the entire instrument. The cost of it is "$80,000 rental fee spread over five years..."

Let's hope it becomes more than just a means of reproducing sounds heard in science-fiction movies. That is exactly how the moog synthesizers are used now.

It was in 1948 that the long playing record and album were invented. By 1954 the first successful rock and roll recording was "Sh-Boom." And that title explains exactly the reaction rock had on the world.

That reaction was magnified a thousandfold when, in 1964, 80 million people watched the Beatles in their television debut on the Ed Sullivan Show.

The rock and rollers from the '50's are being paid tribute to by record and tape sales of their recordilngs in the millions.

In 1967 the musical "Hair" opened in New York; the Rolling Stone began its first publication and three ablums were released which turned music into a belief: Surrealistic Pillow by the Jefferson Airplane; The Doors, by the Doors, and Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, by the Beatles.

In 1975 we have MUZAK. That dreadful, dull, nauseating noise piped into stores and offices and even elevators. Its purpose is to relax people. It works the opposite way.

Commercialism is not only stifling creativity but burying it in money. Look what is has done to the Rolling Stones.

For the past few years "Nostalgia" and the reuniting of old groups have infiltrated the music scene. Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young reunited. So did the Byrds. The Zombies changed their name to Argent. The Beach Boys are almost as big-named as they once were and the Kinks went back on tour. The Beatles could never find an area large enough to perform if they ever reunited.

The rock and rollers from the '50's are being paid tribute to by record and tape sales of their recordings in the millions.

The year 1975 very well may be the end of 20 years of musical artistic endeavor. There seems to be no desire to step out of music's present boundaries, but only time to reap the wealth once created by the spark of inspiration and the light of thought.

"When the music's over, turn out the Light."—**Doug Caldwell**

THE DREAM OF UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD

"All men are humans first, countrymen second"

By GARY SCHNEIDER

The dream of a universal brotherhood is edging closer to reality with the aid of a man known as World Citizen No. 00001—the idealist who formed the World Service Authority (WSA).

Garry Davis, who tore up his American passport in the late 1950s, formed the WSA to pursue his belief that all men are humans first and countrymen second.

The WSA issues passports, runs political candidates in some countries, publishes its own newspaper, issues world citizenship documents and has even designed a world currency.

The passport is the main concern of the WSA at this time. It is a 32-page document bearing stamps and seals and is much like a national passport, except that it is not issued by a country. The WSA claims the right to issue passports comes from the Universal Declaration for Human Rights, signed by 47 founding members of the United Nations in 1948. Clause 13 of the declaration states that "everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country."

The passport identifies its bearer as a de facto citizen of the world. It signifies that a person extended his citizenship to the entire world, not just his own country.

Students hold 20 per cent of all WSA passports issued. Other groups who have obtained the documents are journalist-writers, businessmen, travel personnel, and just about every other profession in the world.

To obtain a passport, a person does not have to give up his national papers or renounce his present citizenship. Davis says the world passport is a "transitional document which might help to whittle away the rules until documents aren't needed at all."

The WSA News Bulletin, which is published out of the main operating office in Basel, Switzerland, calls the passport a "concrete symbol of the actual frontierless world and the common fraternity which is humankind.

"It offers the possibility to travellers everywhere to be identified as human beings without the prejudice attached to the national character, both psychological and actual."

Not all countries allow entry with the WSA passport, although all UN members have copies of the document. India, Zambia, Thailand and many other smaller countries have officially recognized the world government and its right to issue passports. Canada and the United States will not allow anyone to enter using the passport.

IN JAIL

The founding father of this organization is a man who follows through with his ideas. Although he is in jail awaiting trial in France for issuing the passports, he is still preaching world government and peace every chance he gets.

Davis pays only about 76 per cent of his French taxes, withholding the portion that is used for military purposes. He feels that citizens who pay all their taxes are accomplices paying for the war. "Peacemaking is a personal responsibility."

In a speech delivered at the City Hall in Ellsworth, Me., Sept. 4, 1953, Davis proclaimed himself to be a world citizen.

"A world government is here born and if there be wiser and better men, let them come forward challenged by its obvious failings and helplessness...Let the spiritual leaders and gurus, the World Teachers come from their ashrams, their meditative retreats and monastic centers in this grave hour of our common need, and give us their moral council and guidance. Let them breathe into this newly—born government the spiritual substance it must have if it is to prosper and serve men wisely."

WORK FOR ALL

The aim of the world government is to bring all humans together to work for the good of everyone. Davis and his associates have devoted much of their own money to the cause of humanism. Private donations have also helped to defer the costs. The price of the passport is only $2, so the government has to raise funds from other sources, even though much of the work is voluntary.

One new way of raising money is the World Tax, which is levied on all world government subscribers and passport holders. Everyone is taxed 100 mondos (their base money, with 9 mondos equalling $1), which is about $11. This money is put into a bank, but is not used. The world government simply uses the interest to help finance itself. The money is redeemable on demand, but all World Taxpayers are asked to leave the money in the bank for at least a year. In effect, a citizen is taxed $11 but can get it back in full at any time.

The World Citizen Party is another offshoot of the world government, and has just recently started to gain momentum. There are now branches in Germany, London and the United States, and all plan to run candidates in future elections.

PARTY PURPOSE

The purpose of the party is to gain support for the world government and to foster humanistic attitudes thoughout the world, according to the News Bulletin.

The News Bulletin cites the formation of the World Citizen Party as a stepping-stone through which people can further their own goals and ideals.

"In no national political framework are we, the world's people, represented in our common desire for peace, prosperity and freedom. Nowhere can we give our allegiance to a political party above the national levels that can speak for us, mandated by us, and composed essentially of us as a world people and therefore as actual world citizens.

In his speech from Ellsworth, Davis made the following proclamation:

"And in Humanity's name...I, a World Sovereign, hereby claim the territory of the entire earth as the proper home and the rightful possession of all mankind."

Dracz accuses

The Student Administrative Council's (SAC) new president, Jerry Dracz, cited "lack of communication" as one reason for Toi Fountian's dismissal as SAC president.

In a telephone interview, Jerry said he echoed the entire executive's sentiments. All the SAC executive members (excluding Toi) agreed that Toi should be fired because he showed a lack of responsibility as president of SAC and he showed no delegation of authority to other members of the executive.

"It all boils down to the lack of leadership quality Toi displayed," Jerry said.

The SAC executive was dissatisfied with the way Toi was running things; he wanted everything done his way, Jerry said.

"his (Toi's) ways were always the right ways and he would not listen to the others. We finally decided that Toi's ways were not always right and decided to fire him."

Jerry said the entire executive voted for Toi's removal from office on the basis that they felt they could not operate properly if he remained president.

DENTAL WEEK FEB 2-8

Baking without sugar is the essence of a Bake Sale planned for today by dental assistants as part of Dental Health Week, Feb. 2 to 8.

Artificial granulated sweeteners replace sucrose in such offerings as banana nut bread, cup cakes, applesauce muffins, and nuts and bolts.

Also as part of Dental Health Week, the students have placed two window displays in the college to encourage better dental care, and will give instruction in oral hygiene in area shopping centres this week—the first time the program has offered this service.

AT SAC OFFICE

Song said it all...

By DOUG CALDWELL and GARY SCHNEIDER

It was just another morning in the Student Administrative Council [SAC] office. Paper work was being carried on as usual. There was no hint of what had happened the night before when Toi Fountain was sacked from SAC.

The SAC office seemed to be in low humor. Beth Bridgeman, SAC business manager, remained at her desk, indifferent to Toi's presence.

The radio was playing and the lonely voice of Carole King was singing, "But it's too late, baby, now it's too late, though we really did try and make it." The song was saying it all.

Toi and Beth had worked together since last March, but now the tables have turned. On Jan. 21 Toi hinted that Beth was going to be fired, but then Toi himself was fired as president of SAC at the Jan.28 SAC meeting.

Asked if a picture could be taken of her, Beth would not allow it. She said she did not want the picture printed with the story on Toi's statement about firing her.

"The story is invalid," she said.

That was the only excitement or emotion shown on that dismal, grey and rainy morning.

Toi's reign stormy one from beginning to end

Toilaine Fountain's presidency of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) began in controversy March 24,1974, and ended in controversy last week.

In March, Toi, 22-year-old second year business administration student, won by acclamation over former general college diploma student Tony Henry.

The controversy began with Beth Bridgeman, then SAC president and now business manager, informing Tony at pub night, the night before election, that he was ineligible to run because his grade point average was below two. She said SAC took the candidate's word that he or she has a 2.0 average when nomination forms are signed. Tony insisted his first term average became 2 after two incompletes were completed by the end of January.

Toi's tenure of office was steeped in controversy. Among the issues were: honorariums, general meetings, pub losses and SAC's indebtedness to date.

A two-hour meeting was held in the cafeteria Sept. 24 to request approval for an increase in SACk honorariums, from $20 to $40 a month. But, when too few students remained for a vote, the meeting was postponed until Oct. 1 in Hamilton Hall. Once again attendance was too sparse for a vote. Honorariums were finally approved as a result of balloting.l

Then there was a question of the legality of that Sept. 24 meeting. Toi opened the meeting stating SAC's position that the meeting was properly publicised in SAC's newsletter Banana three days before. A vote was taken as to whether or not the meeting to present SAC's financial statement should continue and with 58 for and 45 against, the meeting went on.

During this meeting there was much discussion on pub losses. Niagara had lost $6,000 on pub-nites last year.

Brent Trinder, vice-president of external affairs, said SAC loses money because pubs have fixed expenses such as paying the groups, cleaning, ice and any damages.

Last week, Toi said SAC would try to solve this problem by not selling liquor and selling only beer for a trial period of several weeks. SAC was also considering doing away with bands and installing a sound system.

Tapes would be their own and records and cartridges could be purchased at a discount. Cost would be $1,200 to $3,000.

TOI

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Jan. 30. Toi said the reason was so that SAC can give three days notice of the time and place of the meeting.

If the petition is presented by Jan. 30 SAC will have no choice but to call the meeting and it will have to serve the students proper notice. The SAC executive does have the right to verify all the signatures on the petition to see if all of those who signed are registered students.

"What I see happening is the students are using their rights through the constitution to prove they have rights and are willing to use them," Toi said regarding the petition.

FORSEES PROBLEMS

Toi said he forsees problems for the executive. He said it was decided last year that four members of the executive were needed to hold a meeting. Four represented a majority of the executive members.

Now with only five remaining there could be problems. Toi said if there is a basketball game on a Tuesday night (SAC meetings are held on Tuesdays) it will be impossible to hold a meeting because some members play basketball. Toi said the constitution makes a meeting illegal if less than a majority of SAC executives attend.

With the position of SAC vice-president open, Toi said there are three options the executive can take to fill the vacancy. He said the executive can appoint someone to the position, hold a general election, or open the position to the student body and ask for interested persons to apply for the job.

At press time there was speculation that the executive had already appointed Mike Gulas as SAC vice-president.

There are points about accepting the presidency that Jerry (Dracz) may not be aware of, Toi said.

"He (Dracz) only gets a portion of the president's honorarium. He can only collect it on two months. He won't get an expense account."

Toi said that when the meeting was held to vote on the honorarium increase, all SAC executive members voted for an expense account but he (Toi) did not vote one for himself. The only expenses Toi said he received were for conventions he attended as the Niagara College representative.

Asked how he felt about losing his job, Toi said, "Anyone can lose their job, that's the way it goes. I'm not a god like some people think; I'm just a little individual."

OFY

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Projects usually include five or six people, she said. Maximum age of applicants is 25 years, except in rare cases. Salary of secondary students is $80 per week and $110 a week for post-secondary students and non-students.

Sixteen weeks is the maximum period for which a project can be funded, beginning May 5 and concluding Sept. 15. Administrative expenses are granted to each project, but they should not exceed 10 per cent of the total salaries budget.

Applications should include letters of support from two organizations familiar with the object. Applicants must also describe the activities and objectives of the project, outlining whom it will benefit and how. A proposal of the administrative expenses is also needed.

In previous years OFY projects have included coffee houses, gathering and cataloguing of a community's historical background, researching and writing a guide book for a nature trail, English as a second language and community youth oriented newspaper.

No notice given for fateful meeting

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) constitution specifies that an officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority of the votes at a general meeting of the council "of which notice specifying the intention to pass such resolution has been given."

It adds that any qualified person may be elected in his stead for the remainder of his term "by a majority of the votes cast at such meeting."

No posters were visible at Niagara College specifying that the Jan. 28 meeting was called to remove Toi Fountian as SAC president.

Also, few students were aware that the meeting was held at the Niagara Falls Nurses' Residence, not at the Welland campus.

Notice of the time and place of the meetings and the nature of business to be transacted are to be posted on bulletin boards throughout the college "at least three days before the date of the meeting," the constitution says.

Wants clarification on SAC book figures, entries in 'thousands'

A first year human relations student who looked at the Student Administrative Council (SAC) books says she wants "more clarification."

Barbara Fisher said, "Some of the figures are in the thousands and I want to know why."

Under the heading, "Miscellaneous supplies and expenses," were the following dates and amounts:

Sept. 30	$ 582.13
Oct. 31	$1096.09
Nov. 30	$1368.72
Dec. 31	$ 527.89

"That just seems kind of high," Barbara said. She also said she asked Beth Bridgeman, SAC's business manager, who was present at the reading, as was SAC's hired secretary, what those expenses were for.

She said Beth said it must be pubs. Barbara said when she asked what expenses at pub, she said Beth said cups and ice cubes. Barbara knows the costs were not for a band because "I asked them."

Listed under management salaries not including honorariums were the following dates and figures as Barbara reported. She wants to know who is paid these salaries and why:

Sept. 30	$1,341.08
Oct. 31	$1,577.05
Nov. 30	$1,157.75
Dec. 31	$1,603.29

Barbara thinks management salaries should be more stable than as shown in the books.

Under the heading "Charitable Donations" an amount of $558.90 was listed beside the date Nov. 30.

Barbara said, "There was no charity listed beside it" and that Beth said it was for the United Appeal.

ID students seek 3rd year

Interior design students have asked A.S. Manera, Niagara College president, to add a third year to their program, so they can become more than "technicians, a glorified name for salespersons."

The 30 first-year and 15 second-year students want a third year added to their program, because the three major interior design organizations in North America require a student to have three years of academic study to write their entrance tests.

The new qualifications were instituted by the Interior Designers of Ontario (IDO), Interior Designers of America, and went into effect Jan. 1.

The letter pointed out that since the students cannot write the tests after the completion of their present two year program, they would not be allowed to practise in provinces or states that allow only interior designers with the proper formal training.

'ANYONE COULD BE FIRED...'

And he was

"There is always the possibility that anyone could get fired from any position, including myself," was indeed a prophetic statement by Toi Fountain, former Student Administrative Council (SAC) president. Toi was referring to the rumor that SAC business manager Beth Bridgeman would be fired.

It was not long after that that the axe did fall, but it wasn't on Bridgeman's head. Toi was the one who was chopped.

In a Jan. 21 interview, Toi indicated Miss Bridgeman's dismissal was a distinct possibility.

Asked about the rumor, he said, "Well, she hasn't been fired yet."

Asked who would have the authority to fire her, he replied the executive council. He added, "I have no right to state at the moment on what grounds we'll be firing her."

The executive council displayed its power to dismiss SAC personnel as Toi found out for himself at the SAC meeting held at the nursing school in Niagara Falls.

It was there that vice-president Jerry Dracz put forth a motion to remove Toi from office—just one week after Toi's statement that any member of SAC could be fired including himself.

Regarding rumors that she would be fired for breach of contract, Miss Bridgeman said she read her contract over with several members of the council and "couldn't find anything, not even close" that would put her in violation of it.

CHSC "hires" N/C students

By VICKY SCHMIDT

Journalism and radio and television students are working in conjunction with CHSC in St. Catharines, doing research for radio.

Research Techniques for Radio was offered as an elective for the first time this term by English instructor Brian Green. The elective concentrates on practical experience for students in journalism and radio TV in doing professional research for radio.

"The people in the course are not just in it for the marks," Mr Green said. They get the marks and experience of working professionally. It's almost like field placement. Their research will be heard on radio.

Mac Lipson of CHSC is the major contact working with the students in the research course. He talked with students about their topics and any problems they had, on Jan. 27 at Niagara.

The idea for the course was devised by Mac Lipson and Larry Taylor, program co-ordinator, radio-TV. They originally planned the idea for radio-TV students alone, then decided to set it up as elective for anyone interested. Radio-TV and journalism students were especially encouraged to take the elective.

"The thing lent itself to journalism students as much, if not more, than radio and TV students," Brian Green said.

There are 14 students presently in the course, with six journalism and eight radio and television.

"There are job possibilities locally and elsewhere, but nothing concrete so far," Mr. Green said. "The course will help everyone in employment in radio and TV and journalism,"

The subjects range from the North American Labor Party, the emphasis on sex in Canadian society, the youth of today, the effects on a town of having only one newspaper, and whether a boss should have the right to tell an employee to cut his hair.

"The first seven were entirely supplied by Mac Lipson," Mr. Green said. "The future ones will come from the class."

When the students' topics are used on the air, the student will be in the studio with Mac Lipson to be "used more or less as Mac's expert on the topic. Mac will moderate, and answer call, and the students will be expected to know their topic well enough to answer questions and give their point of view," Mr. Green said.

"Mac would like to see some sort of payment or reward for the people who have helped him."

Any research funds needed are billed to Mac Lipson at CHSC and must not exceed $25 per person.

The students are expected to present a summary of the information he or she has compiled as well as four to six "contacts" who would be called when the topic is presented on the air.

Guest speakers will be a major feature of the course, as well as trips to different radio studios in the area.

"I want to have as many people as possible who are knowledgable about radio and reporting," Mr. Green said. Garfield Chessor from CHOW, Bill Robinson from CBC and Ed Hailwood from Global TV will be a few of the speakers.

Part of the course will concentrate on becoming familiar with "radio facilities and news set up." Mr. Green will try to arrange trips to CHOW in Welland and CHSC in St. Catharines.

The elective is on a trial run. Mr. Green is not sure whether it will be offered next term.

Board opens meeting; but only few attend

By SHEILA MACMASTER

Only four reporters and three members of the general public took advantage of the first open Board of Governors meeting Jan 23.

Ten board members were present with A.S. Manera, president; Miss Mary Hornak, secretary of the board, and various college officials.

Dr. L.W.C. Sturgeon, chairman of the finance and property committee said the "150,000 allotted to Niagara for the planning of two new buildings may not be enough. We should go ahead with the $150,000, that's all the money we have available now," he said. The Ministry of Colleges and Universities allocated $150,000 to the college for architectural planning. This was the first major break in a government freeze on new building projects imposed nearly two years ago. The $150,000 is estimated to be about five per cent of the total cost of the project. The estimated total cost is $3.5 million.

The board approved nearly $87,000 to the City of St. Catharines for the construction of a Welland Vale sanitary sewer system. But the college told the city it considers that sum "more than its fair share" of the costs since the city benefits from the sewer system too, and reserved the right to work out a different cost-sharing arrangement in the future.

Alex Sharp will continue as chairman of the board for a second term. Vice-chairman of the board is W.H. Burton. Mr. Burton is also chairman of the executive committee. Chairman of the finance and property committee is Dr. L.W.C. Sturgeon.

Manera says 'We did all we could'

A.S. Manera, college president, has not spoken to Chuck Mullin yet but feels the college did all it could for him.

The library technician student quit after refusing to participate in a Book Fair which sold pornographic and occult books.

Chuck received an Incomplete in circulation procedures because he would not participate in the Book Fair. Because of this, he was barred from field practice and received another incomplete in it.

Chuck would not have been able to graduate because of the two Incompletes.

Mr. Manera said, "Chuck was given an opportunity to participate in a different aspect in the Book Fair which would not have required him to be exposed to books which he objected to. I understand that he did not feel this was acceptable so I think the college has done all it can under the circumstances to accommodate this particular student."

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Ms. Wells: IWY contact is future carpenter

A cosmetic expert who wants to learn carpentry is working at Niagara College as a resource person for the International Women's Year (IWY) conference planned for May 2 and 3.

Nancy Wells, 29, is working as a "resource person from the homemakers' part of the community."

Ms. Wells has three daughters and feels "it is all the more reason to be involved in the project. When my daughter says 'I want to be a nurse,' I say, 'Why not a doctor?"

Ms. Wells belongs to Women for Political Action. She has been a member of the Niagara Regional Action Group for two years. She is past president of a home and school association and used to belong to Kinettes. She is a licensed as a cosmetologist in New York State and is going to become a student of carpentry.

IWY committee meetings are held at the college every two weeks to discuss planning and organization. A meeting was held Jan. 27 at Niagara in the Hennepin Hall, Room H10.

"We need people to help with registration," Ms. Wells said. "There's no end to the people we're going to need."

"I'd like to see a National Organization of Women group in Canada like they have in the States."

Ms. Wells had a mailing list of 60 people in the Niagara Peninsula. She hopes to expand the list as people become more and more involved in meetings.

"The women's movement has received a lot of bad publicity," she said. "We're trying to look at it from a family point of view. We're hoping it goes over really well."

"We're not a bunch of radicals out to switch the whole system,"

A publicity campaign is being orgainzed with port-a-pacs, posters, portable tapes, and slogans.

"We want to reach a cross-section of people. We tried hard to get a women's centre but there are not enough women who want to become part of a 'women's movement'." Ms. Wells' aim is to create awareness in women of all ages.

Margaret Trudeau invited to N/C for IWY conference

By VICKY SCHMIDT

Margaret Trudeau will be invited to Niagara College for the International Women's Year Celebration to be held on May 2 and 3, as a guest but not as a speaker.

Doris McCubbin Anderson, editor of Chatelaine Magazine will be at the conference on May 2 as a speaker. Her topic has not been announced. She was chosen because the IWY committee at Niagara "wanted to have someone more or less well known but not a political figure," said Nancy Wells, resource person for IWY.

Pauline McGibbon, the lieutenant-governor of Ontario, was asked to attend but will not be available.

Laura Sabia, chairwoman of the Ontario Council on the Status of Women, will be present as a resource person.

The theme for the IWY Celebration is Women: An exploration of our growth and development. The tentative program for May 2 will include keynote speakers such as Doris McCubbin Anderson, informal mingling, hospitality hour, dinner, evening entertainment, films and art and craft displays. The program for Saturday May 3 will include keynote speakers, a guest panel, lunch and workshops on 18 topics and a conference summary.

Workshop topics will include family planning, women and the law, women in the church, women alone, women as consumers, communicating, men's liberation, women in the media, chemical dependance and how to cope, preparation for retirement, nutrition and fitness, and education.

Objectives for the IWY Celebration will be "to provide an opportunity for women in the Niagara Region to be effective participants in IWY as it has been declared by the United States. The focus of IWY is to encourage women across the world to identify and respond to the legal, sociological and economic changes necessary to promote equality."

It will try to "raise the consciousness of women of all ages, social, cultural, religious and economic backgrounds in the Niagara Region, enabling them to be aware of their opportunities and responsibilities by bringing them together for dialogue, sharing and learning."

Another aim will be "to improve the status of women in the Niagara Region, by identifying the many accomplishments of local women, thereby motivating women to continue to effect change in both the personal community and contexts of their lives."

Meetings of the IWY committee have begun and are usually held every two weeks. A publicity campaign is in progress in the hope of involving more people in the project.

Many people are still needed to assist on various committees. Anyone interested in the IWY Celebration to be held at Niagara College should contact Gail Hilyer, chairperson of extension division, Applied Arts, or Nancy Wells, resource person, at Niagara college.

Graphic Arts contest for new beer label

The label and case of a new beer being introduced by Molsons will be designed by a second year graphic arts student from Niagara College.

Molson Brewery contacted the college requesting a design for the new product, and offering a $50 prize and trophy for the student whose design is chosen, Ken Cosgrove, instructor, said.

Designs must be in by Feb. 18.

Student treated to free lunches for a week

A Niagara College student ate free lunches for a week in the college cafeteria.

Judith Brooke, first year radio and television student, took the opportunity to eat free for a week, with no limit on what she ate. But she kept her meals under $2 from Jan.20 to 23.

"The spaghetti and meatballs were good and so was the chicken. But you only get two small pieces of chicken."

Judith said it began when she was doing a research assignment on the Niagara Frontier Caterers. She said she was talking to the president of the company who "thought the price of the food was the factor in students not eating in the cafeteria."

She claimed the food was "not very good and usually cold."

She was told to try the food for a week for free by signing a voucher for the cost. She said she ate a full course meal, dessert and beverage. "I thought a few meals weren't too bad so I'll eat there once in awhile."

A sample cafeteria menu for the week of Jan. 27 to 31 offered homemade soup for 30 cents and a full dinner each day for 80 cents such as this one: pork chops with gravy, butterd corn and mashed potatoes.

Lunch for 65 cents could be cabbage rolls with tomato sauce one day, a bowl of macaroni and cheese the next or a bowl of chili con carne the next.

aid storm victims

An appeal for funds to aid 350,000 Honduras hurricane victims has gone out to Canadian universities and colleges.

The World University Service of Canada (WUSC) made the appeal at a 10-minute narrated slide presentation at Brock University.

The hurricane brought with it severe flooding and widespread destruction. An estimated 15,000 were killed, 30,000 are isolated or missing, 10,000 are homeless, and 80,000 homes were destroyed.

The Brock University Student Union said contributions for the Reconstruction Fund can be brought to its office, Thistle Corridor, at the main campus.

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CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE

Mischievous winged child may visit college Feb. 14

In the 17th century, a hopeful maiden ate a hardboiled egg and place five bay leaves under her pillow before going to sleep on Valentine's eve. The man she dreamed of that night would become her husband.

In England, a young man carried a bachelor button in his pocket on Valentine's Day. If it lived, he married his current sweetheart; if it died he sought a new one.

Today the game of chance has been eliminated from the celebration of this holiday. Each person likes to choose who will be his or her valentine. No longer is faith put in bay leaves and flowers.

Who was St. Valentine, the saint associated as the patron of lovers? Legends conflict. One legend portrays him as a Roman priest living in the third century A.D., imprisoned for defying the laws of the Emperor, Claudius. Claudius abolished marriage because he believed husbands made bad soldiers. However, Valentine secretly performed Christian marriages, and it was for this Valentine was arrested and sentenced to death.

Another legend tells of Valentine, imprisoned for helping Christians. While in jail he restored the sight of the jailer's blind daughter who brought him food and tried to cheer him. Before dawn on the morning of his execution, Feb. 12 he wrote a farewell note in which he spoke of the bond of affection between people, and signed it, "From your Valentine." When he was buried, a pink almond tree on his grave burst into bloom as a symbol of lasting love, according to legend.

Another possibilty for the naming of Feb. 14 as a courtship day may have come from an old belief that birds choose their mates on this day, the same time man's thoughts generally turn to love.

In the language of symbols, red hearts, cupids, arrows, birds, and flowers spell Valentine's Day.

Hearts weighing five pounds and made of solid chocolate are given between friends on Valentine's Day, as well as tiny cinnamon-flavored, heart shaped candies.

A mischievous winged child, armed with bow and arrow is another symbol of the day. Cupid's arrows are invisible; his targets are the hearts of men and women. His victims become aware of having been shot by falling hopelessly, and helplessly in love. Cupid perhaps more than any other symbol, conveys the light, teasing spirit of St. Valentine's Day.

NORRIS LEAVES NIAGARA FORMS ALL CDN. THEATRE

Frank Norris is leaving at the end of February after five years as program co-ordinator at the Niagara College's Theatre Centre.

He believes "you have to keep moving forward" and plans to start a professional repertory company that will use only Canadian plays and talent, including graduates from the Theatre Centre in Welland.

The company will leave next September to tour Britain for a year to promote Canadian culture and industry, Mr. Norris said.

Before coming to the college in 1969, Mr. Norris was an occasional guest lecturer at the Theatre Centre.

He decided to teach because he felt the standards of Canadian professional theatre were pretty "sloppy" and he wanted to do something about it.

In retrospect, he said teaching is most rewarding from a human point of view, but "leaves little time for yourself or your family."

Born in India, Mr. Norris has lived in Africa, England and Saudi Arabia. He came to Canada in 1951.

He trained in drama at Toynbee

Frank Norris

Hall in London and acted in several repertory companies and for the British Broadcasting Commission.

His acting has included the CBC Anthology and Festival series and many radio plays.

Mr. Norris recalls that, when he was young, his mother told him his only reason for being on earth was "to better the human condition."

This is the philosophy he brings to his work in theatre and teaching; he advises his students to be "simple, honest and economic," qualities he considers important in theatre and all professions.

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David Staples

Staples named co-ordinator

David Staples, newly-appointed program co-ordinator of the Niagara College Theatre Centre, believes his major responsibility is "to provide the best students possible for Canadian theatre and all theatres in the world."

Mr. Staples, who came to the college in October to teach lighting and set construction, will succeed Frank Norris on March 1.

He plans to "continue the program in its basic operation and continuously improve the quality of graduates, and expand in aiding the community, the school and the professional theatre.

"I feel that Frank Norris has developed the school into one of the best technical schools - if not the best - in the country."

Mr. Staples believes he must devote most of his time to the student and "feels the weight of responsibility to develop the students in one of the most important times of their lives."

This is done by cultivating in the student an attitude of caring, responsibility and devotion, all essential for creating the "artistic temperament."

Before coming to Niagara College Mr. Staples was artistic director for the University of Southern Carolina's Black Repertory company.

Mr. Staples is a U.S. citizen though he was born of Canadian parents. He started in the theatre when he was 12 by riding 32 miles on a bicycle to audition for "Puck" in Shakespeare's, "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Since then he has trained as playwright, actor, technical director and director. He attended Southern Illinois University and studied under masters of the stage like Mordecai Gorelik, father of modern set construction; Maria Piscator who founded the Epic Theatre and playwright Herbert Marshall.

"I was fortunate in training with people who had excellent reputations with development of theatre in the modern age," he said.

SAC nominations close Feb. 28

Elections for the new Student Administrative Council (SAC) executive positions will be held on Thursday, March 6.

Nominations for the eight positions close Feb. 28. Application forms for the nomination of candidates can be picked up at the Registrar's office, Student Services office in the Black Walnut Building and the newsroom in the Simcoe Building.

The positions open are president, executive vice-president, vice-president of internal affair, vice-president of athletics, vice-president of finance, public relations officer, recording secretary and club convener.

NURSES GET $5,400

The Niagara College Student Nursing Association formed a SAC subcouncil last September and submitted a budget in October. SAC approved its $5,400 budget at its meeting Jan. 21.

The nursing association consists of three students each from the Mack and Niagara Falls centres.

Jean Hatch, president of the Student Nursing Association, Niagara Falls, and also a member of the SAC subcouncil, said, "We voted on the budget last October and we thought it had been approved. We were supposed to get the money in two instalments, and when we didn't get it. we assumed there same number voted."

must have been a holdup from administration."

Miss Hatch said when they inquired about the money, they were told by Toi Fountain, SAC president, that the October vote had been illegal.

"The first time we heard anything about the vote being illegal was at the Jan. 21 meeting," Jean said. "He said something about our subcouncil having too many votes. So we took another vote at the meeting and the budget was finally approved."

Asked how the vote taken at the Jan. 21 meeting differed from the vote taken last October, Miss Hatch said, "Nothing was different. The

Yes, there is a chess club

The headaches of starting a new club are usually numerous. Decisions on finances or club policies present some problems or maybe too many people want to join. The Chess Club has none of these problems. In fact, it does not have any members.

Bruce Milligan, club organizer, said the club died a "natural death". He said no one showed up for the first meeting on Jan. 8.

Mr. Milligan thought the first week of the new term may have been a bad time to hold a meeting. He said there were no night classes and the college looked as though it was closed which may have turned people away.

At present, the club excludes members of the student body but once the club is organized it is the intention that students will be invited to join.

The first meeting was designed to listen to any suggestions on how to properly organize the club and then engage in a few matches. One suggestion put forth in an outline brief was to collect 50 cents or $1 from each member at every meeting. The money would go into a fund and be used to buy boards, pieces and clocks.

Not knowing the game would be no drawback. Mr. Milligan said he was sure there would be someone around to teach the novice.

Meetings are scheduled to be held each Wednesday from 7 pm to 10:30 pm. Interested people are asked to contact Mr. Milligan at Ext. 401.

Keppy "full time composer" teaches two music courses

Two music courses are being offered at Niagara College this term and a comprehensive music program may be set up next year.

Brian Keppy, who teaches Intermediate Choral Music and Music Appreciation, said college officials are looking into developing a music program that would include elementary, intermediate and senior choral groups, plus other subjects related to music.

Both of the courses Mr. Keppy is teaching are new to Niagara. The Music Appreciation course, with about 30 students, is designed to "expose students to different kinds of music, get them to realize their opinions of music, and help them verbally communicate those opinions," he said.

Students are asked to bring in music which they would like to play and the class talks about it. All kinds from classical to rock are included and it gives students a chance to listen to different types of music, he said.

Criticism of music could be carried over into other fields such as the theatre, Mr. Keppy said.

The Intermediate Choral Music course is an extension of the elementary course offered last term and which is being offered again this term. About 30 students are taking part, many of whom took the elementary course in the fall.

Mr. Keppy said the course involves "taking people who have a background in music and explaining some of the technical aspects.

The students are presently working on a classical cantata, which may be performed in public later this year.

Mr. Keppy, 24, considers himself a full-time composer first, and a teacher second. He sticks mostly to classical music, but has written some jazz compositions. Most of his compositions are performed in concert by artists, rather than on

Brian Keppy

records.

One year at the Julliard School of Music in New York and a four-year course in three years at Queen's University in Kingston have given him his educational background in music, although he is also interested in philosophy. He already has enough credits for a Bachelor of Music and is taking courses at Brock University to get an Honors Bachelor in Philosophy.

His major instrument is the piano, but he also plays the organ and the bassoon.

Mr. Keppy writes a music review column for The St. Catharines Standard, dealing mostly with classical recordings. While in Kingston, he was doing reviews for a local paper, and between records sent to him for review and those he purchased, he has accumulated about 600 albums.

Born and raised in Niagara Falls, Mr. Keppy said he "is happy to come back to the peninsula" and would like teaching music either at Niagara, Brock, or MacMaster University.

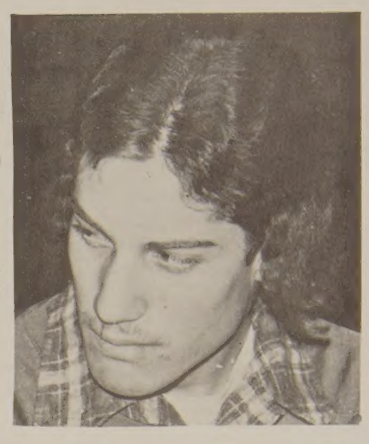
ROVING REPORTER:

By JENNEY VINNICK and CAROLE COOPER

Question: Have you heard of IWY? [If the response was negative, International Women's Year 1975 was explained.] Do you agree with it?

Doris Sukurs, Law and Security - first year
"No. Yes, I'm going in for a police woman and before they never really accepted women and now it's a real strong policy. I can't picture men staying home with diapers and that. But, I don't really believe that a woman's place is in the home. But I'm not that strong for women's lib."

Mari Lou Davey, Medical Records - first year
"No. Yes I do agree with it. I think women should have equal rights where jobs are concerned and that kind of thing. I'm not one of those people who think women should stay at home and raise kids and not have the opportunity to show how educated they are. I'm against male chauvinism.



Bob Tysen, General College - first year.
"No. I think it's a good idea, they need a little help."

Garr Smith, Construction Technician - first year
"No. I partially agree. It is a good idea, yes."

Joanne Horben, General Business - first year
"No. Yes, I think it's a good idea. A lot of women feel they're inferior to men."

To the 'concieted'

Grade 8's give 'planty end saund edvice'

By JOHN DUECK

Evaluation questionnaires, returned by local Grade 8 students after a tour of Niagara College, showed active labs of radio and television drew the most attention and lecture rooms were classed as the "least interesting" places on campus.

Of 113 questionnaires returned, 33 students said they were interested most in radio and television, and 27 learned most from the tour of that area. Chemistry labs, library, fashion arts, and interior decorating followed in that order.

Additional information was requested by 110 students, 86 said a similar tour should be conducted next year again, and 99 said Grade 8 students should also be given a tour of Brock University.

Several students, recommending a tour of Brock, said it should be offered to all Grade 8 students, "because Brock is bigger and much more interesting than Niagara College."

Three students said a tour of Brock was unnecessary because, "Brock and Niagara College are the same. We have seen one tour of a college and why go and see another one?"

Besides information on college programs, questionnaires revealed that phonetic spelling should be introduced in Canada alongside with the metric system. And above all, titles of programs should be spelled out in bold letters on every door.

"I would not recommend this trip because it was just a waist of time," said a student who liked "Printing Act" most and "Sciesce" least.

One questionnaire rated "cimical lab" highest, and found the "tiping" area was not too bad. Another student who was interested most in "Murchendise" and learned most from "Refridgeration" asked for additional information about "Murchandice." On the same sheet a note said, "I wouldnot recommed it (the tour) because it was to tiring and boring in must areas."

Niagara students were also advised to remain humble and look back to the time when they were just greenhorns in elementary school.

"All the students think there so big when around grade 8's," said one questionnaire, where "Family Arts" was marked fairly interesting.

"Refrguation" the least interesting, and the "Election" area quite interesting. Information was requested only for "Elections". The questionnaire did not recommend a similar tour for Brock. On "Why," it answered, "I just dont."

Another questionnaire, in which journalism was rated highest and most interesting, and "guideness" not very interesting, did not recommend a tour of Niagara College for Grade 8 students next year, "Because, all the students think there so supierior concieted to the Grade 8's." On the "Why" question for a Brock tour it answered, "I just don't!!"

Questionnaires also suggested that students, not so keen on spelling, might someday build the fastest cars on the road and the most sophisticated gadgets for the kitchen.

A student, who liked the "mchine shop" area most, and rated the "liberary" highest, thought the "nercery" was not too bad, but did not like the "jim" at all. The questionnaire asks for more information on "Bisness", and strongly recommended a tour of Brock because "you would learn alot more" at Brock than at Niagara.

Among other recommendations and suggestions the questionnaires said that tours were not organized enough, guides got lost in buildings and halls, students should only be shown the areas they are interested in, programs should be explained more in detail, and guides should know more about the programs.

At least one student was concerned about the health of the future generation. On the question whether Grade 8 students should be given a tour of Niagara again next year, there was a firm "No". The reason, "Because the teens are smoking and they might influence the kids."

SALES DISAPPOINTING

OTTAWA—Over-all sales of surcharged Olympic stamps have been "disappointingly low" although sales to collectors have been excellent, according to the post office.

The mike went buzz, buzz, buzz...

It was an embarrassing moment for Niagara College on an important day—Jan. 17 when a committee from the Ontario cabinet was meeting in the Hamilton room.

Fourteen briefs on local issues were presented to the five cabinet ministers. The audience was large and interested.

But Education Minister Thomas Wells was having trouble with his microphone as he tried to answer a brief from the Welland County Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

The mike buzzed and whined and, though he talked louder and louder, Mr. Wells could not be heard. He reached beside him to borrow the mike of Health Minister Frank Miller. It buzzed, too.

"If the minister of colleges and universities were here, we'd get him to give them a new amplification system," Mr. Wells commented. (James Auld, minister of colleges and univerisities, had been scheduled to attend the session, but was unable to.)

A few minutes later, Tom Bowes, audio visual technician, came to the rescue, made a few adjustments and the session continued.

Two graduations

There will be two graduations at Niagara College this year. Applied arts, business and technology students will graduate May 24, and students of the health sciences school on July 26.

This is the first time that an individual school in the college has had its own graduation and the first graduation from the new school of health sciences.

Marijuana possession still criminal offence

Even though many older people were sceptical, Bill S-19 does not legalize marijuana.

Speaking at a Social Planning Council meeting at St. John's Anglican Church Jan. 29, George Walker, a Niagara Falls lawyer, said, "Anybody who believes marijuana is being legalized is very misinformed. It's a myth."

Bill S-19 is designed to "put into the books officially, what the courts have been doing for the past four or five years."

Mr. Walker stated that most courts have been levying fines for simple possession for the last three to five years, even though the Narcotic Control Act has more severe penalties for simple cannabis possession.

Cannabis is being changed to the Food and Drug Act to, as Mr. Walk r said, "group it with its fellow drugs."

Mr. Walker said such drugs as MDA and LSD are dealt with under the Food and Drug Act, and adding cannabis would make the act complete.

The Narcotic Control Act will deal solely with pharmaceutical and restricted drugs, Mr. Walker said.

Under the Narcotic Control Act first offenders charged with simple cannabis possession can be fined up to $1,000 or get up to six months in jail.

Judges have refused to levy sentences of this sort because, "no magistrate is going to uproot a teen-ager or young adult from his home and community and put him into an atmosphere not conducive to community development," Mr. Walker said.

"If the courts aren't handing down those types of penalties, why have them on the books as that?" he asked.

Under Bill S-19, cannabis possession brings a fine of up to $500 for a first offence and $1,000 for a second offence.

A first offence in trafficking brings not more than $1,000 fine or 18 months in jail, or both. A second conviction can bring up to 10 years in jail.

Mr. Walker summed up by saying, "cannabis possession is still an offence resulting in a criminal record."

RESERVATIONS NEEDED

Students will be asked to make reservations in the cafeteria and Simcoe building for the Niagara College Theatre Centre's next production, Opus, Feb. 12 to 15, at 8:30 p.m.

Conceived by theatre arts instructors David Staples, Darcy McHale and Norah Morgan, the play traces man's development from the amoeba "to his extinction from the planet," Mr. Staples said.

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Rick Ludlow (20) lofts ball to rim of St. Clair basket after near breakaway, as Hugo Gatti (20) of St. Clair looks on. St. Clair won 102-80.

Basketball

Knights prevented from clinching third

Niagara's basketball Knight's lost by a decisive 102-80 score, Jan. 25 against St. Clair Saints at Niagara College.

"Our guys shot well, but the defence wasn't running," said Coach Peter Rylander after the game.

This was evident in the second half when up three St. Clair players stood under the Niagara basket without a Knight near them.

Any points the Knights ran up from their shooting, they lost in their own end. This, notwithstanding, the Knight's shooting was good.

Bob Blasko got 17 of his 25 points in the second half and a good number of the 17 were from shots taken from 15 to 20 feet out.

Paul Dixon was good for some long shots in the second half but scored 10 of his 15 points in the first.

His overall play was notable, getting back in time to foil several St. Clair attacks.

Rick Ludlow, consistent throughout the game, tallied a 14 point total for his efforts.

A definite handicap to the team is the absence of George Phee and Dave Rose, termed "two good players" by Coach Rylander.

Both players left the team at the end of the first term.

Phee was good for 30 points every game and Rose displayed consistent playmaking.

Next home game for the Knights is Feb. 19, 8:30 pm when Humber College pays Niagara a visit.

Jazz group returns to NC

The Monroe Community College Band will be appearing Feb. 25 at Niagara College in the cafeteria during the double lunch period.

The 40-piece orchestral band and choir from Rochester, N.Y., are making their second annual tour of Ontario.

Myron Kukla, Niagara College information officer, said the appearance at Niagara by the group has been arranged by the School of Applied Arts. He said the band will be hosted by the student services department at a luncheon.

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6 Knights beat 9 Hawks

Niagara College's ladies' Basketball team won its first game of the season against Humber College at the McKenzie Building gym, Jan 28.

The Knights were at a disadvantage throughout the game because of the lack of players. Niagara had one player in reserve to Humber's four.

Not only did the girls last the whole game with minimal rest but they managed to win, attesting to the fine physical shape they are all in.

Niagara, led by the sharpshooting and playmaking of Diane Nieuwesteeg, Terry Porter and Doris Sukurs, paced Humber throught the game, never falling more than four points behind.

The half-time score was 26-22 for Niagara but five minutes into the second half, Niagara burst into a flurry of scoring that gave them a 17 point lead—41-24.

Humber began a slow catch-up to come from 24 to 31 by the 10-minute mark. Niagara was held scoreless during a better part of the second half as they began to tire. Niagara's 10 point lead kept them in the game.

Six more points by Niagara made Humber's job a bit harder but the Hawks were slowly catching up. With 4:13 left in the game the score was 47-38 in Niagara's favor.

The Knights were the underdogs only because of their small team. They made up for their shortage by sheer workhorse playing.

With two-and-a-half minutes left the Knights prevented Humber from scoring and kept a seven point lead, 49-42.

Diane Nieuwesteeg was the scoring force for the Knights, netting 20 of Niagara's 49 points.

Doris Sukurs and Terry Porter put in great efforts scoring 14 and 11 points respectively.

After the game Coach Bob Bedesky commented that this was the "first game in five that we've had a sub. The most we've ever had was eight", he said, referring to total players dressed.

"It's a shame that a school the size of Niagara has to be represented by six girls. The Knights have talent and with a few more players we could have had a really good team."

Form committee for student aid recommendations

A new committee to advise the minister of colleges and universities on financial assistance for students has been created.

The 10-member committee, to be known as the Interim Committee on Financial Assistance for Students, will make recommendations on future student assistance programs, the best way of administering programs and the best way of providing independent advice about student assistance to the minister, James Auld.

GRADUATE PROMOTED

Les Mate, third year graduate of the Niagara College journalism program, began duties as an executive assistant in the information branch of Central Mortgage and Housing Corp., Ottawa, last week.

Upon graduation in April, 1974, Les worked as a reporter-photographer in the Penetanguishene bureau of the Free Press, Midland, Ont.

Top team too much for Niagara Knights

Niagara's hockey Knights failed to extend their winning streak to three games, by losing 6—3 to St. Clair Saints at the Welland Arena Jan 25.

The Knight's beat Conestoga Jan. 18, to move them within one point of that team which occupies the third and last playoff spot.

Coach Fred Bassi and the players feel they can overtake Conestoga in the remaining games of the season.

Even though they lost to St. Clair, the Knight's were playing a team that has lost only one game out of 11.

Last time the Saints played here, the Knights lost 16—2. The difference in scores shows the improvement in the Knights' play—ing.

It was a close game until late in the third period at 19:15. Fred Gagnon of St. Clair lobbed one over the pads of Knight goalie Ed Sherwood, putting the game out of reach 6—3 with 45 seconds left.

St. Clair opened the scoring late in the first period, and it was the only goal of the period. There was fast end—to —end action with both sides getting good chances. The Knights used a way more aggressive style of playing while Ed Sherwood's goaltending kept the Knights' in contention with key saves.

Fifty—five seconds into the second period Bill Brown got the Knights on the scoreboard, sliding the puck along the ice and under goalie Greg Cecile's pads.

A little over three minutes later, the Saints took the lead again, with Pat Mahon catching the upper left corner from about 10 feet out.

Ron Tufts, playing his fourth game for the Knights tied the game again at 10:03 with an unassisted goal. Five minutes later, Ron Sneider put the Knights in the lead on a goal assisted by Gary Nemcko.

It looked as if the Knights could have held the lead for the remainder of the second period steady forechecking and skating kept them even if not one step ahead of the Saints.

But with 1:19 left, Bill Rooney managed to tie it again for the Saints.

The Knights were held scoreless in the third while the Saints picked three more goals fixing the score 6—3.

The Knights played good hockey. If they can keep up this style of play they can win games against lower teams. They have to cut down on foolish penalties like fighting and highsticking or those that give 10 minute or game misconducts.

Next home game for the hockey Knights is Feb. 15 when they host Seneca College at the Welland Arena. Game time, 8:15.

SPORTS

By Ken Baldin

Let your thumb do the talking?

Hitchhiking is still a popular means of transportation for college students as any random questioning will testify.

Though the police try to discourage it, they usually look the other way when they see somebody hitchhiking, unless he is putting himself or others in danger, said Constable John Hodgeson, Thorold Detachment, Regional Police.

Many people who hitchhike are not cognizant of the laws regarding hitchhiking, he said.

Paul Hicks, second year graphic arts, learned one law very quickly when he was on Highway 406. He was "hauled off for hitchhiking on a highway." Police gave him a ride away from 406 and dropped him at another location.

Section 121 of the Highway Traffic Act states "a person shall not solicit a ride from a vehicle other than a vehicle designed as a public conveyance from a roadway."

The section classifies the shoulder of the road as part of the roadway but where there is grass or boulevard near the road, it is all right to hitchhike. But this is not allowed on main highways.

Some tricks of the trade were offered by those who hitchhike often.

Mike Jones, first year business administration, said drivers will not pick up a hitchhiker if he looks like a "bum." Other than that it's mostly luck.

"I don't hitchhike unless I'm stuck for a ride. It's a fast way of getting one.

A person by himself has a better chance of getting a ride.

Rick Mickowicz, second year law and security, figures he did not get a ride, when he was in Windsor once, because "there were two other guys with me."

Paul Hicks was picked up by a man who had hitchhiked around the world.

Some of the hints he gave to Paul were to avoid hitchiking on a hill or near stop or yield signs.

"The drivers are concentrating on the road and won't be bothered to pick anyone up."

Trucks are bad for rides usually because they are not allowed to pick up riders or they have a schedule to keep, Paul said.

"And if it's dark, you have to be near a light and watch you don't get hit."

"If you look half decent, there's a chance a girl will even give you a ride. It's happened to me."

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